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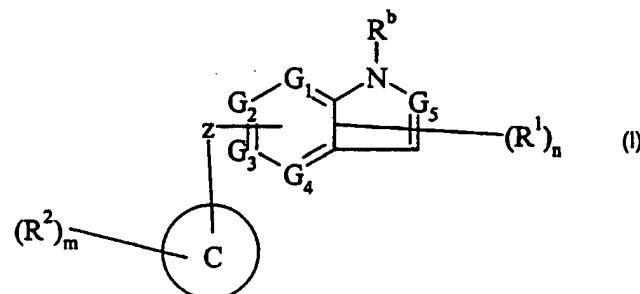
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to compounds of the formula I: wherein: ring C is a 5 or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N; either any one of G₁, G₂, G₃, G₄ and G₅ is nitrogen and the other four are -CH-, or G₁, G₂, G₃, G₄, and G₅ are all -CH-; Z is -O-, -NH-, -S-, CH₂-, or a direct bond; Z is linked to any one of G₁, G₂, G₃, and G₄; n is an integer from 0 to 5; any of the substituents R¹ may be attached at any free carbon atom of the indole, azaindole or

indazole group; m is an integer from 0 to 4, R^b represents hydrogen or another value as defined herein; R¹ represents hydrogen, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkyl, amino-C₁₋₄alkyl, amino-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₃alkylamino-C₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino-C₁₋₄alkyl, -C₁₋₃alkyl(ring B) wherein ring B is selected from azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, N-methylpiperziny, N-ethylpiperazinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino; R² represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃alkylsulphonyl, -NR³R⁴/wherein R³ and R⁴, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵X¹-(wherein R⁵ and X¹ are as defined herein) and salts thereof, processes for the preparation of such compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as active ingredient and the use of compound of formula I in the manufacture of a medicament for the production of an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in warm-blooded animals. The compounds of formula I and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof inhibit the effects of VEGF, a property of value in the treatment of a number of disease states including cancer and rheumatoid arthritis.

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